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Introducing my podcast: Lit's Talk!

LIT KURTZ
Groundcover vendor No. 159

If the street paper is nothing more, it is a solid opportunity for entrepreneurship. The street paper model has allowed those who might not otherwise survive a rung from which to often thrive, and take on other enterprises.

This was first exhibited in 1998 when Lee Stringer, who once served as editor of the New York Street paper, Street News, became the best-selling author of *Grand Central Winter: Stories from the Street*. In his book he details his harrowing battle and ultimate victory from a disabling cocaine addiction.

Right in Ann Arbor Kevin Spangler, owner of Boober Tours began as a Groundcover vendor where he used these and other funds to begin the popular Boober Tours pedicab transportation business and now hires those who might not otherwise find jobs.

Added to this list is well-known Ann Arbor poet and Groundcover News contributor, LaShawn Courtwright who was inspired Lee Stringer and has published her first book of poetry. She used her own funds to make her dream of becoming a published author a reality. Her book *The Fold: A Collection of Poetry* is available on Amazon, Spotify and Barnes and Noble online. It can also be ordered from Black Stone Bookstore and Cultural Center in Ypsilanti.

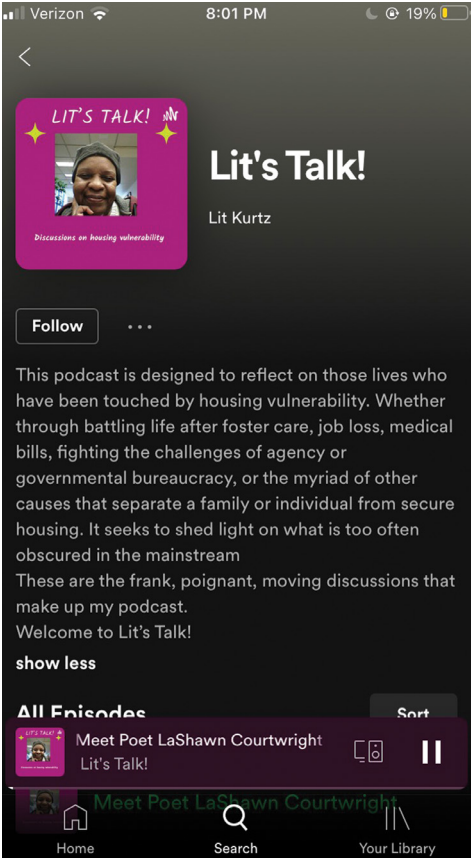
In my own form of being an entrepreneur, I have started a podcast in which I discuss housing vulnerability. My first guest is fellow vendor and above mentioned poet LaShawn Courtwright. In this episode LaShawn opens up about facets of

her life through which she has struggled. These struggles include battling the foster care system with her children, mental illness and more.

I, too, can say that our street paper, Groundcover News, has allowed me the structure of learning fundamental business skills that I am able to use in other enterprises.

So I am elated and proud to introduce my own business venture in the form of the podcast entitled Lit's Talk! I hope that you will find an opportunity to listen to this program on Spotify where my end goal is to shed light on the realities of housing vulnerability.

It is my mission that you not only will find inspiring stories and opportunities to support and engage with individuals who might not otherwise have a voice, but that you will begin to support the business ventures of those who have often in their own way used the street papers to implement the Groundcover News mission of working "from the ground up."



Lit's Talk! episode one interview with vendor La Shawn Courtwright is now available for streaming on Spotify.

LETTER TO EDITOR

In December 2020, when emergency use was authorized for a new mRNA vaccine, we were informed that it was intended to prevent severe symptoms, not infection or transmission. Though it's seldom mentioned anymore, that has not substantively changed. Logically, preventing symptoms could also prevent transmission.

The delta variant is equally present in the vaccinated and unvaccinated. The University of Michigan is publicly basing its vaccination policy on the concept that it can be transmitted from vaccinated to unvaccinated. Viruses mutate frequently. They play a vital role in the living system, in balance with microbes. To "blame the unvaccinated" for their volatile nature is understandable given fear levels and information gaps, but it's misguided and reductionist. The reality is too large to explain away simply.

I advocate for fully informed adult consent and extra consideration for those who are most vulnerable due to health conditions. Fear-driven polarization, blame and manipulation undermine critical thinking, information exchange and trust. Partisan politics and financial gain should have nothing to do with it. Let's honor our beautiful living system and each other's compassion and intelligence. We will get through this.

— Barbara Irene Nagler

MEET YOUR VENDOR



Cynthia Richards, vendor No. 537

In one sentence, who are you?
I'm a dedicated single mom just trying to make a better life for my children and myself.

Where do you usually sell Groundcover News?
I sell Groundcover a little bit of everywhere.

What words do you live by?
Always believe in yourself no matter what. Keep pushing forward.

What is your favorite spot in Ann Arbor?
Pinball Pete's because I have good memories there as a teenager all the way until now.

What motivates you to work hard selling Groundcover News?
I'm motivated by the fact that Groundcover is providing opportunities for each and every person that may be struggling.

What song do you have completely memorized?
"In Case You Didn't Know" by Brett Young.

What was your first job?
A busser and hostess at a restaurant in Chelsea when I was 13.

What is the best thing about selling Groundcover News?
I get the opportunity to meet people of all cultures and lifestyles. Also, I get to make my own hours.

What is the most impressive thing you know how to do?
I can throw a football further and better than most men.

What do you wish you knew more about?
Usually I would have a better answer but right now in my situation I wish I knew more about cars due to the fact that mine is on its last leg.

Five days of food for thought

Welcome to my positive food for thought. Just my perspective and thoughts I have on the world to stay positive and get through the day, week, hour or minute. Enjoy!

"Happy people ain't hatin'; hatin' people ain't happy."
— Fabolous

People who are doing well in life don't have the time to hate on you, they're too busy being happy. Haters are doing their job letting you know that you're on the path to greatness.

"Progress is a slow process, and I ain't got nothing but time."
— Jay Z

To get to the finish line, you must first enter the race. It don't matter how long it takes you to



JAY GORDON
Groundcover vendor No. 533

get to the end; stay at it until you do. You'll appreciate the road to success more.

"There are no losses in life, only lessons." — Unknown

Life is going to happen to you. You won't win every war, but learning from your loss only

prepares you for future problems and setbacks. Prepare for war in times of peace.

"Even giants trip over pebbles."
— Unknown

No matter how big you get, the smallest things will cause you to trip, stumble or fall. Don't knock yourself for those trip ups. Just tread carefully next time.

"You're either getting better or you're getting worse."
— Unknown

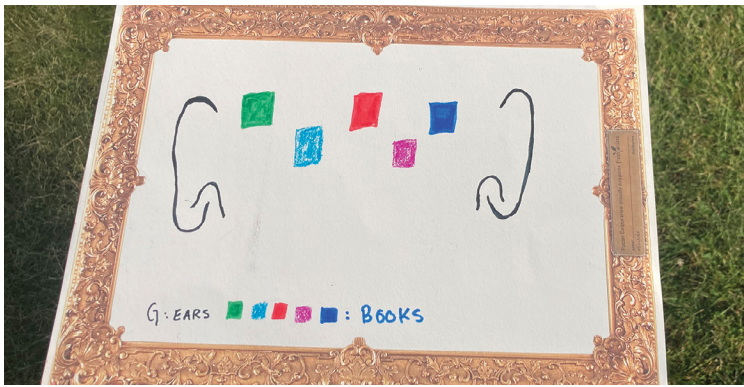
What are we doing? Either you're sharpening your sword or it's slowly getting dull. Steel sharpens steel. Whatever you need to do to perfect you, DO IT!!

If not, you're failing.

Speak out, but listen



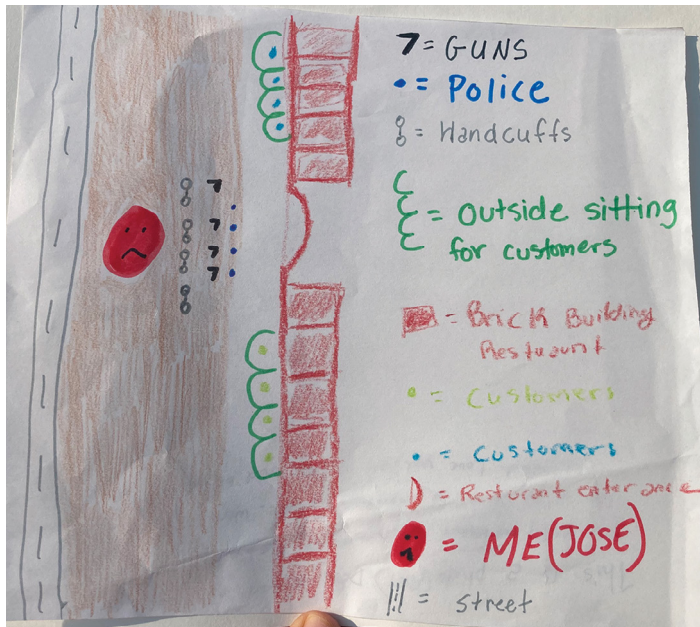
HOSEA HILL
Groundcover vendor No. 532



This simple portrait demonstrates the importance of listening to and reading books. The drawing is a pair of ears with five books between the ears. I encourage all of the Groundcover community to read (or listen to) five books annually.

My current book list:

- *Limitless* by Jim Kwik
- *How to Win Friends and Influence People* by Dale Carnegie
- *The Art of Thinking Clearly* by Rolf Dobelli
- *The Art of Logical Thinking* by William Walker Atkinson
- *Lucky: How Joe Biden Barely Won the Presidency* by Jonathan Allen and Amie Parnes



This is a photo description of police misconduct and how racism and sexism influence police work in Ann Arbor. There are occurrences when the members of the Ann Arbor Police Department use their weapons before their intellectual judgment on the people they supposedly serve. That was the case on May 26, 2021 when a pleasant evening at the Garage Bar quickly and violently escalated into my arrest. Thankfully, I was released from jail and am able to bring awareness to the issues of race relations and mental health in our community. We must work together to stay happy and safe. I hope you all enjoy this and appreciate my work. Thank you for your support.

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Creating opportunity and a voice for low-income people while taking action to end homelessness and poverty.

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NAMI Washtenaw County members attending NAMI Michigan's walk on Belle Isle in Detroit on August 28. They were joined by more than 200 people from southeast Michigan supporting NAMI programs.

Kindness rocks!

MEMBERS OF LEND A HAND NAMI Washtenaw County

Since our first article in the August issue of Groundcover News, the Lend a Hand volunteer group at NAMI Washtenaw County has been working diligently on several projects. We continue to meet virtually on Thursday mornings to brainstorm on a weekly basis. One key focus remains outreach to youth with mental health conditions. The isolation and uncertainty wrought by COVID-19 are associated with a serious increase in the number of young people experiencing depression and anxiety. According to data from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), the prevalence of serious suicidal thoughts is highest among adults ages 18 to 25. Lend a Hand appreciates that September was “Suicide Prevention Awareness Month” but our members feel that every month should focus on suicide prevention. All people, young and old, need to know they are not alone and that they are loved and needed. In August, one of our Lend a Hand

members, Tracy Harris, organized our first Kindness Rock Painting Party. NAMI WC volunteers joined together to paint messages of hope and inspiration on one side of a river rock. A QR Code which people may use to connect to the NAMI WC website will be put on the underside of each rock. Lend a Hand’s graphic artist, Adam Alkhoully, will help Tracy prepare the code. The rocks will be placed along footpaths in parks in Washtenaw County in the spring. When someone walking in a park comes upon a beautiful rock painted with a kind message to lift their spirits, they will also find information that connects them directly to NAMI Washtenaw County’s website at www.namiwc.org. We hope Groundcover readers will discover one of our rocks when they appear in the Spring of 2022. If you have a group that’s interested in participating in one of our Kindness Rock Painting Parties, please email Tracy Harris at harristracy91@gmail.com. Lend a Hand members also participated in NAMI Michigan’s walk on Belle Isle, Detroit on August 28, joining more than 200 people from

southeastern Michigan who braved the heat to raise funds to support NAMI programs. We are proud to report our Lend a Hand team raised a total of \$3,020.00 which made a significant contribution to NAMI WC’s fundraising efforts. NAMI WC will be accepting NAMIWalks donations through November. As we bring this article to a close, we would like to share a personal story by one of our members about why he was moved to join Lend a Hand and participate in other NAMI WC activities. This month we are hearing from Noah Perrin, a student at EMU. He has had to make major adjustments due to COVID-19 and is part of a new generation of young people who will continue to expand mental health awareness and work to end the stigma of mental health conditions. We are proud to have him as a Lend a Hand member.

Noah Perrin, EMU student
I have always wanted to help raise awareness and provide support for those with mental illnesses. NAMI was an integral part of helping my family get through our experience with mental

illness. One great thing about NAMI is that they provide support for you, and then give you opportunities to help support others. I decided I wanted to be part of the organization as a volunteer and chose to work with the Lend a Hand program. Amid a global pandemic, we met on Zoom every week and worked on ways to raise awareness for mental health and our programs. We discussed how to best reach people that need our services and help them get the support they need. Two of our digital signs were displayed in the community. It was awesome to see them as I was on my daily runs through Ypsilanti. As a college student, being involved with NAMI has caused me to rethink my career and inspired me to do something to continue to support people living with mental illnesses. I am thankful for NAMI for helping me through my struggles and giving me the ability to help others through theirs.

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 - **I will only purchase the paper from Groundcover Staff and will not sell to or buy papers from other Groundcover vendors, especially**

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- I will not sell Groundcover under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- I understand that I am not a legal employee of Groundcover but a contracted worker responsible for my own well-being and income.
- I understand that my badge is property of Groundcover and will not deface it. I will present my badge when purchasing the papers.
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- I understand to refrain from

selling on public buses, federal property or stores unless there is permission from the owner.

- I agree to stay at least one block away from another vendor in downtown areas. I will also abide by the Vendor corner policy.
- I understand that Groundcover strives to be a paper that covers topics of homelessness and poverty while providing sources of income for the homeless. I will try to help in this effort and spread the word.

If you would like to report a violation of the Vendor Code please email contact@groundcovernews.com or fill out the contact form on our website.

Pulling for each other with Pull Over Prevention

PULL OVER PREVENTION SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN ORGANIZERS

For a little over a year now, community members have been working together to organize monthly or bi-monthly events called Pull Over Prevention & Mutual Aid Fairs (POP). At the heart of these events is a DIY volunteer-run auto repair service that provides free repairs of broken brake lights, headlights, license plate lights and other minor automotive issues. POP also provides on-site consultation for other maintenance and repair concerns. POP events take place in a variety of locations around Ypsilanti, and have also been organized in Jackson and Adrian. As the name suggests, the goal of these events is to prevent community members from being pulled over, a dangerous experience that could lead to deportation and death. These events are about protecting each other from the threat of police and immigration authorities and envisioning a better world. And that’s where the mutual aid fair comes in. From the start, POP events have aimed to provide a one-stop location where community members can help each other connect to and access a variety of resources. Visitors have access to free donated COVID-19 safety supplies, educational materials about people’s rights when stopped by the police or immigration authorities and other

resources like calendars of local food pantries, safe sex supplies, household cleaning kits, free pet supplies from Pet Pals Mutual Aid, as well as snacks from Peace House, Ypsi, and other supporters. Whenever possible, POP also tries to have food pantry boxes available on site, and as of August 2021, the events also include delicious free meals courtesy of the FedUp Ministries food truck. Other groups involved in organizing the events include the Huron Valley Democratic Socialists of America and the Mutual Aid Network of Ypsilanti. Recent events have been hosted alongside free COVID vaccine clinics with the Washtenaw County Health Department. Winter POPs collect and distribute free coats, boots and other cold wear gear. In the joyful spirit of community care, the events have also included a live DJ and the upcoming October POP will feature a line-up of local area musicians. Additionally, POP provides free on-site child watch to ensure that caregiving responsibilities do not prevent anyone from participating in the event. The POP kid area has featured enrichment activities developed and donated by amazing local organizations such as the Kekere Freedom School and Black Men Read. Here, too, the events are aimed not just at bandaging over the harms of our current society, but co-creating a different social order — in this case, one where all children have access to resources that support their development.

“These cars represent not just individuals and cars, but families in our community that no longer have to worry about the frightening consequences that can occur because of a blown light bulb,” said community organizer Daniel Ignacio. POP organizers believe that justice and antiracism must be practices that we enact in our everyday lives. The events seek to build strong, self-sufficient communities that provide each other with the material support often missing in a society that eagerly finances corporations but abandons its citizens. They see POP as part of a broader movement to combat intolerance and the nefarious impacts of racial capitalism in Washtenaw County and beyond. Because they believe in strong communities built on foundations of mutual solidarity, the community bonds that have developed at POP — including the eager commitment of volunteers, visitors (some of whom later volunteer), and supporters — are some of the most fulfilling outcomes of these events. If you’re interested in volunteering, POP always has a need for more mechanics and the mutual aid fair booths have a place for you no matter how much (or little) you know about cars. Volunteers can sign up at <https://www.hvdsa.org/POP-SignUp>. POP invites all community members to come out to one of our upcoming events and to follow www.facebook.com/PullOverPrevention for information about future clinics. Interested

individuals and organizations can also reach out to them about organizing a POP Clinic in their community. POP can be reached on Facebook or by e-mail at pop@ypsimutualaid.org, and donations can be made at <https://tinyurl.com/DonatePOP>. Upcoming events will be held on the second Saturday of each month (locations vary, please see the event listing on Facebook or contact us).

- October 9, Whitehead Memorial Church, 2069 Tyler Rd, Ypsilanti
- November 13
- December 11

In case of rain or bad weather, events will be moved to the following Saturday.

Volunteer Sign Up:
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<https://tinyurl.com/DonatePOP>
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<https://www.facebook.com/PullOverPrevention>



Small business summit comes to Washtenaw County

ANDRE VASHER Groundcover contributor

The State of Michigan held a Small Business Summit at Eastern Michigan University on September 10 to gather input from local business leaders on how best to invest in start-ups and encourage entrepreneurs in this area. Lieutenant Governor Garvin Gilchrist headlined the gathering, just one in a series of similar events Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s administration is conducting across the state. Part networking event and part feedback-gathering exercise, the meeting was partly to highlight the State of Michigan’s entrepreneurial spirit. Content presented by executives in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation — a faction of the state government that promotes economic growth — explained the governor’s plans to invest money from the federal government to

develop small business growth. With billions in funding from the American Rescue Plan (the federal government act passed to speed economic recovery from the pandemic) and \$176 million in federal State Small Business Credit Initiative funds coming Michigan’s way, the current administration seeks to reach out to Michigan start-up businesses — especially those overlooked in previous COVID relief efforts. The prime example of this was the Payroll Protection Program, which loaned money to small business operations to meet payroll obligations. However, small start-ups with only one employee were left out of this initiative. The Small Business Summit speakers dwelled on this fact, also pointing out the importance of encouraging women and minorities to start businesses within the state. One speaker, Jonathan Smith of the Michigan Economic Development

Corporation, dove into the details of Whitmer’s plans to serve small businesses. Calling the current investment plans — including the availability of the federal funds — a rare opportunity to transform our state, Smith detailed plans to expand access to COVID relief funds. He stated that Whitmer’s team wants to help meet the challenges holding small businesses back in the state by addressing:

- Access to capital
- Support services from the government
- Cultivation and retainment of entrepreneurial and technical talent within the state

He noted that Michigan is looking to the future, and we must wisely disperse investment capital with support and plans to bolster talent within our borders. The audience of entrepreneurs and investors responded positively to the proposed investment plans explained

in the summit. Two CEOs of local start-ups described the challenges they faced (and still face) developing their firms in Washtenaw County. The importance of not only investment capital, but also mentorship from a peer group of experienced start-up executives was highlighted by both. Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist summarized the current investment environment and hope for the future with the following observation, “To date, we have supported tens of thousands of small businesses, keeping millions of Michiganders hard at work while investing billions of dollars back into the economy, but we can’t stop there. As we continue setting a course for economic recovery, we need additional efforts to stabilize, recover and ultimately grow the economy in Michigan to build on the foundation of support and relief we have already administered statewide.”

Purple House community garden feels like home



JIM CLARK
Groundcover vendor No. 139

Community gardens never caught my attention until recently. I began helping with a community garden at a place called Jimmy Hill House, also known as the "Purple House."

Community gardens are good projects to facilitate community building, and they come with other rewards as well. As a person who experienced homelessness earlier this year, the opportunity to help with a community garden was especially welcome. The feeling of belonging was missing during that time and I experienced a lot of anguish. I did not have a place to go, nor someone to belong to. I was in a horribly

lonely and unhealthy state. The kind of stress one feels in this situation makes it very difficult to rest or concentrate. The garden helped with both.

Being part of a community, especially a small one, is akin to being in a family. People know where you are and are counting on you to be responsible for your part in planting, weeding, watering, rounding up supplies and harvesting.

Gardening has an effect on one's mental state. An article written by a guest author for Resources to Recovery (rtor.org), a mental health services resource group, lists the benefits of gardening as exercise, reduced time with technology, encouraging healthy eating, improving mood while reducing stress, and improved concentration.

A community garden is also a great way for the homeless to help with service: hosting a garden, contributing monetarily for supplies and, especially, being side by side with someone who is experiencing homelessness.



Above: Jim Clark plants blueberry bushes after fighting back the weeds in late June, with the tomato plants just starting to fruit. **Top right:** At the Washtenaw Camp Outreach sponsored meal at Wheeler Park September 5, Cynthia displays the zucchini bread she made from the garden's produce. **Enjoying it are, left to right, Eric, Joey and (seated) Corey. WCO sponsors a barbecue or meal every other Sunday, held at Wheeler Park until the weather turns cold. Bottom right:** Ria Daughtery gets ready to work while Jim Clark prepares for the initial planting.

Labor of love produces food, heightens activity, beautifies Purple House

CYNTHIA PRICE
Groundcover contributor

When Rose Marcum-Raugh declared her intention to use the raised, peace symbol-shaped garden beds at Purple House for a food garden, Lindsay Calka of Groundcover News, Jim Clark and I heeded the call.

Purple House is owned by the non-profit organization MISSION (Mission Itinerant Shelter System Independent Out of Necessity), and Rose is on the MISSION board.

Planning began in early May, and on May 12 the tedious work of removing bindweed, thistle and other noxious weeds (as in, lots of pricklers) and replacing them with vegetables, fruits, flowers and herbs began.

Due in part to its somewhat remote location, the Purple House Garden did not draw a lot of labor help from the houseless community, but in its early stages there was expert help from Ypsilanti resident, Joy Pryor, who had read about Purple House on Facebook. Over the summer, others stopped by and weeded, harvested, watered or just basked in the sun, surrounded by cooling greenery.

It is tempting to say that the garden was an overwhelming success, but unfortunately that would not be true. One of the many lessons learned is that fencing all around the site, with easy-open gates into the pathways, is

necessary to keep out hungry critters. More than one deer hoofprint was found among the chomped pumpkins and headless sunflowers.

But nothing prevented the triumph of plant growth. We harvested tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, mint, arugula and lots of basil. A few blueberries appeared on the five or six bushes planted which were promptly devoured by overheated workers. And since blueberries are perennials, there will be more bounty in the coming years. As much produce as possible was incorporated into the Washtenaw Camp Outreach's Sunday cookouts. Slices of lush and delicious tomato embellished many hamburgers.

And it is not over yet; there are several pumpkins untouched by the local animal population, which should be plump and ripe come fall.



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Free People's Program

SHANE WILLIAMS
Groundcover contributor

"You have to counter a system with a system, an organization with an organization, not simply individuals full of goodwill, good sentiments, honesty, courage and generosity."

— Thomas Sankara

"The more the people understand, the more watchful they become, and the more they come to realize that finally everything depends on them and their salvation lies in their own cohesion in the true understanding of their interest and in knowing their enemies."

— Frantz Fanon

Free People's Program is an independent, socialist, community organization serving the People of Washtenaw County, Michigan.

We work to build survival programs in the revolutionary spirit of the Black Panthers to meet the material needs of our community. Through free food and clothing drives, community political education, eviction prevention and other developing programs, we try to do our part in the ongoing fight against the predatory functioning of capitalism.

Our first survival program is built around collecting clothing, shoes and hygiene products such as hand sanitizer, masks, toothpaste, soap and disposable washcloths to distribute directly to our houseless neighbors. Every Friday at

Liberty Plaza from 7-8 p.m., we're available at Pizza in the Park. Take what you need! All donations have come from members in the community, as well as monetary contributions that secure the hygiene products.

Free People's Programs is not a charity or nonprofit. We are not a feel-good project and we are not interested in the government's "help" in solving a problem they are responsible for. We find this work, coupled with the political objective of scientific socialism, to be absolutely necessary. We must see our houseless neighbors as a part of our community and work to build sustainable systems that are separate from the traditional apparatus to assist in their survival. We have to stop believing the myths about ourselves, our society and our houseless neighbors that serve to justify and institutionalize this human rights atrocity.

If the capitalistic government criminalizes houselessness while simultaneously creating conditions where houselessness is unavoidable, houselessness (and the punishment for it) is a function of the capitalistic government and an expected outcome that is cruelly and meticulously planned. We recognize houselessness as one of the many characteristics of capitalism and we do not want to become stuck in single issue advocacy. Land, water, housing, medicine and more have been commodified, which means these resources will be withheld from people who aren't able to pay. We seek to replace this decadent



The Free People's Program distributes food, clothing and other essentials every Friday night at Liberty Plaza during Pizza in the Park.

system with one that restores political and production power to the people, where the people plan their economy using scientific methods of improvement. Scientific socialism.

While it is understood that we must destroy capitalism, true revolutionaries are preoccupied with creation. The creation and cultivation of renewed humanism, collectivism and egalitarianism. We can no longer afford to get lost in aimless rhetoric, always proclaiming what we're against.

It's time to take rude positions on harsh topics. It's time to analyze the social status and psychological security the housed hold over the unhoused. Who benefits from this dichotomy? We must break the false class alliance with the land-hoarding elites and ground ourselves with the people.

Our survival program grounds us in the streets, with the people as our source. We have the absolute privilege of

hearing their stories, seeing their homes and shelters, basking in their joy and sharing their pain. We hear our neighbors words and wishes and we attempt to materialize them and to do our minuscule part in easing their struggle. The people know what they want, and they know what they need. The people understand the terrain, and they know what needs to be done.

Revolution is not an event, but a process. Free People's Programs understand our survival programs as one step in the process of weakening capitalism's grip on the masses, sustaining our community through alternative institutions, and building a new nation which adheres to the principles of scientific socialism. We call on any and all members of the community to unlearn and relearn, release your creative genius and engage our social woes with revolutionary love.

Free The Land! Free The People!

The longest war

KEN PARKS
Groundcover vendor No. 490

The media blitzkrieg about the quagmire of our good intentions and unintended consequences in Afghanistan obliterated any memory of a war machine that never rests because it is preparing for the continuation of endless war. We are assured that the debacle of today has nothing to do with Vietnam but the shock and awe were so distracting that we momentarily forgot the obvious turn of our war machine towards China.

Trump and Biden took warfare to the next level with better drones. DARPA, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, has an imagination that specializes in mastery and control. Full-spectrum warfare. Can global corporate technology turn you into the ultimate commodity? Or will the masters of control fall on their delusion of superiority? I don't think they care so long as they take everything down with

them. Postmodern nihilism and apocalyptic eternalism can both take you there. But what has been the longest war that America has fought?

The Indian War began in 1492 with the American front in Jamestown, Virginia founded in 1607. Historians talk of the Sixty Years War over control of the Great Lakes which ended with the War of 1812. There is a statue of Tecumseh in Canada to honor his contribution to stopping the Kentucky militia after they entered Canada from Detroit. The Gold Rush in California coincided with the Mexican War which brought in a huge territory and even more war upon Native Americans. There was a pause for Commodore Perry to show up with gunboat diplomacy in Tokyo Bay in 1853 and the ultimatum to open up for trade. The return to the Indian War was slightly interrupted by the Civil War and the Spanish American War but continued officially until the Battle of Bear Valley in Arizona in 1918. This coincided with the Mexican Border War and

World War One.

Apparently, I am making the case that the American Indian War was The Longest War. If you were at Standing Rock in 2016 or Line 5 by the Mackinac Bridge today you would see that it's not over yet. How many treaties are being broken today? What kind of reparations do we need to balance our species' long history of supremacy and violence?

With the "discovery" of the Americas, the Vatican immediately issued the Doctrine of Discovery and Conquest. If you plant a Christian flag on non-Christian land it becomes private property to be administered by the superior class of pure blood Christians. This is the legal basis for every piece of private property in America. The best-organized violence rules. Most days are relatively peaceful for human beings in this world. We know there is war somewhere and that violence can erupt anywhere. The uprisings of Black Lives Matter came from the awareness that the organized monopoly of violence, in

this case, Minneapolis police, was a structural threat to the health and well-being of the community.

We long for the time we can live in peace and have some sense that Freedom Road is still calling us. We resonate with the Zen master who said, "Peace of mind does not come from the absence of struggle, it comes from the absence of confusion and uncertainty".

I hope some of you had a good experience on the International Day of Peace in September and are preparing for Indigenous Peoples Day on October 12. Every cultural heritage has indigenous roots and we have an opportunity to become indigenous-centered with the caretakers of this land. Let us renounce the Doctrine of Discovery and Conquest and negotiate a new treaty that benefits everyone. The organisms of the soil to the birds of the sky will rejoice. May we learn from the Pure Lands that we discover when we come with a clean heart.

Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month

"We celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success."

— The National Archives, 2021



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Hispanic Heritage Month is seen as a celebration of histories, cultures and contributions of Americans who have ancestral roots from Spain, France, Portugal, Africa and indigenous Native American Indians. Mass media and some historians describe Hispanic Americans as people who have ancestors from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and South America. The African and Indigenous ancestral roots of Hispanic-speaking Americans are often overlooked in discourse and TV portrayals.

A new generation of activists and scholars are calling for a more inclusive and a more diverse representation of Hispanic Americans. Why should Portuguese-speaking Brazil be excluded? There is currently a movement to correct the historical and cultural omissions, and of course, the historical distortions. As we celebrate National Hispanic Month, there will be many art exhibits, lectures and symposia which use interchangeable terms such as "Latinos," "Latina" or "Latinx."

Public Law 90-48 of September 17, 1968 requested that the United States President issue an annual proclamation declaring September 15 the start of a Hispanic Heritage Week. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Congressional Bill into law and challenged Americans, especially the academic communities, to observe the Hispanic Heritage Week, "with appropriate ceremonies and activities." Scholars and historians, including those at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C., have said that September 15 was selected because it represented the anniversary of independence for the Central American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile declared their independence from Spain on September 16 and 18 respectively.

It is also important to note that the Hispanic Heritage Celebration was changed from a week long event to a month long event. Congressional Republicans wanted to include Columbus Day of October 11 as part of the National Hispanic Heritage Month. President Ronald Reagan signed the Congressional bill into law on August 17, 1988.

In 1987, Professor Ivan Van Sertima of Rutgers University was invited to testify before Congress on the merits of recognizing the 500th anniversary of "Christopher Columbus' discovery of

America." In his testimony, he said, "You cannot really conceive of how insulting it is to Native Americans ... to be told they were discovered." Van Sertima wrote a controversial 1976 best-seller book titled, "They Came Before Columbus: The African Presence in Ancient America."

Understanding the Indigenous and African Heritage/History of Latin America and the Caribbean

In October 2019, Groundcover News published an article titled, "National Hispanic Heritage and History Month: Ancient American civilization, colonization and independence." We have been following the past and the current debates within academia, and also those taking place in the Latino/Hispanic/Caribbean communities. There are poignant questions in these communities about inclusion and exclusion of some facts regarding historical origins. Should we include our indigenous Native American heritage? Should we include our African heritage as part of our identity? Although Hispanic Americans or Latino Americans are the dominant identifiers for this month's celebration, there is movement on the U-M campus and many other campuses to use the term "Latinx" as the most inclusive identifier.

Historian Paul Gilroy's book, *The Black Atlantic: Modernity and Double Consciousness*, inspired renewed scholarship into the Indigenous and African roots of modern day Hispanic and Latino populations. Robert Farris Thompson's work also examined the introduction of Africans to the New World—The African Diaspora in Latin America. Writing in the 2005 Journal of Latin American Studies, historian Juliet Hooker claimed that the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) had stated that there are approximately 38-40 million (8%) indigenous people in Latin America, and about 150 million individuals of African descent (30%). The ECLAC report continues, "The Afro Latino population is mainly concentrated in Brazil, Central America, and the northern coast of South America. Furthermore,



Dancer at a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., 2018. Source: National Archives.

the UNESCO World History project had reported that the transatlantic slave trade through the "Middle Passage" involved about 12.6 million people from Africa. Only 10.7 million survived the perilous journey. UNESCO also said less than 400,000 of the slaves were brought to North America. The rest of the slaves were sent to Brazil, other Latin American countries and the Caribbean.

A Celebration of Cultures and Contributions

The PEW Research Center released a report on the 2020 census on September 9. The population of Hispanic Americans is 62 million, making them the largest minority group in the United States. Recent immigration, birth rates, better income opportunity, health care and higher life expectancy have contributed to the population increase in the Hispanic American community. When immigrants arrive in America, they bring their cultures, ideas and innovations. For example, Cuban Americans in South Florida have brought their rich cultural heritage and influences in the areas of music, food, dance and festivals. Miami's population is approximately 35% Cuban Americans. The Calle Ocho neighborhood is described as Little Havana. The fun, excitement and the dynamism of the population during big community festivals have helped to solidify Miami's nickname, "The Magic City."

The salsa dance is popular in most places in the Americas. Ms. Celia Cruz, "The Queen of Salsa," has made this dance style and music very popular across generations. Spanish dance can be seen in big cities, college towns and urban counties across America. In California and Texas, revelers look forward to watching dancers who wear colorful costumes and do the traditional Mexican or Central American dance. At the University of Michigan, there were students groups who organized "The PUENTES Salsa Social on September 26. The Arab Octcho Association and

La Casa will present "Teach Me How to Dance Dabke and Salsa" on October 7, 8 p.m. at the William Monroe Trotter Multicultural Center. The Hispanic American food culture is highly ubiquitous ever since the Hollywood movie stars gave their thumbs up to taco meals and all sorts of Mexican and Latin American food presentations. The average Americans cannot seem to have enough of those ethnic cuisines. There are dozens of Mexican restaurants in Washtenaw County. There may be a few thousand in the state of Michigan, and perhaps, millions across the American landscape. Muchas gracias!

Hispanic American labor activists and civil rights leaders such as Delores Huerta and Cesar Chavez made lots of contributions during the 1960s and 1970s. Singer and activist Joan Baez and hundreds of thousands of Americans demonstrated at the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963, and witnessed Dr. King give the indelible "I Have a Dream" speech.

The civil rights movement helped to open the doors of opportunity for Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, women and other people of color. There are today several Congressmen, Congresswomen, and Senators of Hispanic heritage. President Barack Obama nominated the first Hispanic American to the Supreme Court — Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor. It should be noted that during World War II, about 300,000 Americans of Hispanic heritage fought and helped win the war against Nazi Germany.

America's current Poet Laureate is Joy Harjo. America's Poet Laureate from 2015 to 2017 was Juan Felipe Herrera. Harjo is an Indigenous Native American and Herrera is the son of a Mexican migrant farm worker. They both received MFA degrees from the University of Iowa's Creative Writing Program, and have made a difference in this artistic genre. Because of his life experience as a child of immigrant farm-workers in California, Poet

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Herrera's writings have included the questions of identity and social justice. Similarly, Poet Harjo's style is to talk of the injustice suffered by Native American Indians. She uses oral history methods to tell the story of the indigenous community and their struggles for preserving their identity, language, and culture.

Hispanic and Latino Americans have made enormous contributions to America's robust economic prosperity. Writer Mireya Loza wrote a book which documented 100 years of the Mexican Guest Worker Program in the United

States. In farm agriculture, there is always a steady supply of cheap labor. In construction, manufacturing and service, Hispanic Americans have provided the labor to keep the U.S. economy humming and growing. Loza expressed her apprehension over the unequal treatment of Mexico's migrant/guest workers compared to immigrants from other parts of the world. She asked, "So, after 100 years of guest workers policies, do we continue to create an unequal system in which a group of people are only valued as laborers, and never given an opportunity of true belonging as American Citizens?" In the fields of

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- Signs on some doors
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- Nuclear restraint pact
- Where hammers and nails might be studied?
- Tin Tin lead-in
- Persian Gulf nation
- Sedona maker
- Awaiting a pitch
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Peter A. Collins

- "Old MacDonald" noise
- Italian resort
- 1992 comedy with the tag line "Where the Stone Age meets the Rock Age"
- They pop up on occasion
- Parlor piece
- Ancient teller of tales
- Word with maker or breaker
- Bowler's headaches
- Evening party
- Rate
- Support-group offshoot
- Classy
- Simpson boy
- Skin cream ingredient
- World Series lead-in: Abbr.
- Banquet hosts, for short
- More than enough
- "Bewitched" baby
- All worked up
- Gillette brand name
- Small and shapeless
- Gumbo ingredient
- Carriage
- When tripled, "and so on"
- Bird in the Tripadvisor logo
- Driveway-street connectors
- It's home may be on the range
- With 11-Down, sundae alternatives (and a hint to the circled letters)
- Peaceful
- Involve
- "Sex and the City" role
- Up to the task
- Relay component
- Flexible blackjack card
- 61 in old Rome
- Prevarication
- Some H.S. students

health care, education and other professional vocations, Hispanic Americans are harnessing excellence with diversity. There are barriers in STEM education and careers. However, there are hopeful signs in the pipelines for STEM success in college and the workforce.

Finally, we are celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month when

America has achieved higher vaccination rates and improved adherence to mask wearing in in-door facilities and crowded venues. We urge our readers to visit U-M, EMU, and Washtenaw Community College websites in order to see listed events such as symposia, lectures, art displays, dancing, etc. LA CELEBRACION LATINX! !!! HISPÁNICO!!!

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Butterflies that are toys are beautiful. Decorations of butterflies are beautiful. Butterfly statues are beautiful, in people's yards near flowers. Different colors.

Real butterflies are beautiful. I like to see butterflies when I go outside. I like to watch butterflies fly and land on beautiful flowers. When I see butterflies in spring, I get excited because warmer weather is here. When I no longer see butterflies outside, I go to the store to see them as decorations, Or I draw pictures of butterflies.

Butterflies have always made me feel happy, from when I was young and still as an adult.

Seeing butterflies makes me happy. Butterflies bring joy and beauty. Butterflies are free and beautiful.

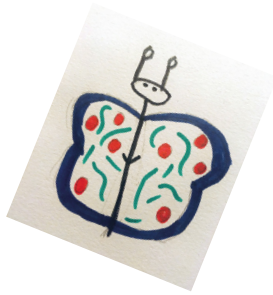
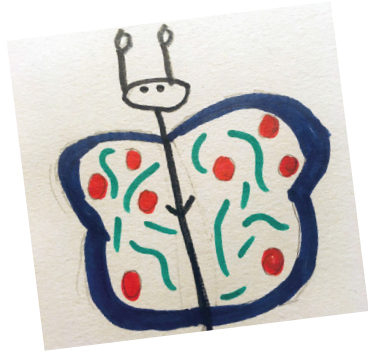


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Under stormy skies

RONALD PAGERESKI
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Walking under dark gray skies
salt tears fill their eyes
Once the sun shone down on them
can't remember where or when
Homeless men and women too
walk the street sad and blue
A kind word they long to hear
talk to them, have no fear.
They're people of the street it's true
people much like me and you.
They need a smile, perhaps a buck
give them help, wish them luck
Put some sunshine in their cloudy day
that helps to chase the blues away
It will make you feel better too
the love you give will come back to you.

Flower lady

RONALD PAGERESKI

Flower lady in the rain
no one knows about her pain.
Pretty flowers, quarter or a dime
stop and buy one, take the time.
Give some hope to one so lost,
pocket change, no great cost.
Put some joy in her sad eyes,
so often at night, she cries.
A kind word give to her,
you'll make her smile, I'm sure.
Give some kindness, take the time,
pretty flowers, quarter or a dime.



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Steps forward, steps back: The end of an eviction moratorium

Progress is never linear. As noted by the editor in last month's edition, on August 26 the Supreme Court voided the hard-fought win of an extension to the eviction moratorium. In essence, the majority of the bench prioritized the property rights of the landowner class over the basic needs of the working class. With the stroke of a pen (or tap of keys, as the case may be), emergency protocol to keep people in their homes was just suddenly abandoned. In the midst of a pandemic. With surging cases. While Congress was in recess.

The result: more than 7 million Americans face eviction.

Princeton University's Eviction Lab estimates that this is about double the usual eviction rate. Naturally, the pandemic-related slowdown of the economy is the most likely explanation. And it must be remembered that evictions have fiscal, mental and physical effects that are lasting, and damaging.

Landlords tend to reject applications from those with recent eviction history, meaning that a recently evicted person, who was already struggling financially, now has an even more difficult time finding affordable housing. This desperate search often forces people to move farther away from their community, and this sudden exile, in turn, causes undue stress and job loss. For example, children will have to switch schools and are forced to make new friends. The increased distance may prohibit someone from commuting to their job, resulting in job loss only serving to further aggravate money troubles. Even worse, now the displaced people have to find shelter somewhere, thus further burdening the capacity of indoor locations. This increases the risk of COVID-19 transmissions.

One must wonder, given the disastrous society-wide consequences of eviction just for the benefit of few wealthy landlords, why is eviction used so regularly?

It can and should be avoided given the numerous mitigating factors, especially now. Foremost, Congress has allocated over \$45 billion for the purpose of helping renters pay back rent due to pandemic-related shutdowns. Yes, \$45 billion with a 'B'. Assuming a \$1200 per month rent, this would pay a year's



worth of rent for over 3 million people. Yet in many states, the assistance money is just sitting in the state coffers. According to NPR, 15 states distributed less than 5% of the funding by the beginning of September. The bureaucratic red tape has real health consequences for millions of Americans.

Landlords' inexplicable prioritization of eviction over receiving government-issued backpay makes sense only in the context of a soaring real estate market. In fact, it was the Alabama Association of Realtors, among others, who brought the suit forth that eventually became the Supreme Court cases that ended the eviction moratorium.

While many taxpayers resent the idea that the federal government should bail out those who could have gotten a job to pay back rent, this naive view doesn't reflect conditions placed on the worker. Personal responsibility can only get someone so far in a game stacked against them. The reality is that most of those jobs don't pay enough. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, there are exactly zero counties in the United States where a full-time minimum wage worker can affordably pay for a two-bedroom apartment. Zero. Affordable rent is defined as paying less than 30% of income for rent. Even if you lower the standard to a one-bedroom apartment, only 5% of counties have affordable single-bedroom apartments. If a worker cannot affordably pay for shelter on minimum wage each month, how then are they expected to pay back rent on top of the current rent? Essential workers, who risked their lives during the pandemic, deserve better treatment than a less-than-subsistence wage.

And then there is the legal challenge itself. The majority Supreme Court

opinion ruled that the "CDC had exceeded its authority." Specifically, the majority viewed the newest eviction moratorium as an unjust use of a 1944 act that grants the Surgeon General the discretion to carry out actions, including "other measures," to control the spread of disease. While in the past, this has been largely limited to quarantining individuals and banning animals like small turtles which can carry salmonella; there was not an international pandemic that ravaged the nation in 1944. Naturally, more extreme conditions may require "other measures" to contain the spread of a deadly disease.

The majority opinion, though, goes on to point out that Justice Kavanaugh, in the court case over the previous eviction moratorium, didn't move to vacate the stay (vacate the stay is legalese for stopping the enforcement of some legislation) because it was due to end shortly anyway, so the stay was warranted because it allowed for a more orderly transition. But overall, this justice felt that any new moratoriums should be put into law by Congress. They failed to acknowledge in their opinion that Congress was in recess, meaning that any action they took would be weeks too late.

Largely though, the majority opinion differs the most from the minority opinion in how they interpreted the Nken vs Holder 556 U.S.418, 426 (2009) four factor test of a stay's justification:

- (1) whether the applicant is likely to succeed on their merits
- (2) whether the applicant will be irreparably injured without an end to the enforcement of the challenged law
- (3) whether the end of enforcement will injure other parties
- (4) where the public interest lies.

Disappointingly, the majority opinion favored the property owners, asserting that the eviction moratorium would cause the millions of landlords "irreparable harm" due to the potential loss of rent payment, despite the billions of dollars just sitting there ready to be used exactly for this purpose. Again, a year's worth of rent for 3 million people.

Even more egregious, the majority opinion drastically underestimates the real danger for those renters who need shelter during the pandemic, especially

as the Delta cases spike. The CDC estimates the case rate is as high as last winter: 150,000 new cases a day at the publication of the court case opinions. As the minority opinion points out, this new eviction moratorium differs from the previous one in that it specifically targets communities with higher transmission rates, and protected renters must show that they have taken all possible steps to receive government aid to pay their rent. Both of these cast doubt on the majority's opinion that the eviction moratorium enforcement cannot succeed on its own merit.

Moreover, both minority and majority opinions actually agree that the public interest lies in stopping the spread of the Delta variant. The majority opinion, the one that ended the eviction moratorium, states, "It is indisputable that the public has a strong interest in combating the spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant." Yet despite fully understanding the consequences in terms of human life, the majority opinion has favored the property of a few over the health and well-being of the many. No wonder the minority opinion, signed by Justices Breyer, Sotomayor and Kagan, lambasted the disappointing majority opinion.

The repeal of the eviction moratorium will kill; its end serves to increase conditions ripe for COVID-19 transmission and the associated increase in deaths. While the moratorium would have mitigated some lethal consequences, ultimately, the eviction moratorium itself was a stopgap: we need more radical structural change. We need to move toward a world of people over profits.

As disappointing as this court case is, please don't forget that this is just one step back. The good news is that much of this needed change, especially in terms of housing equity, can come from local action alone. Local action can increase the housing supply, which will make it more available and affordable. That's why we need to repeal single-family zoning laws, demand affordable units in new developments and institute land trusts. All these realistic local actions can contribute to housing equity and a healthier society; one where everyone has a place to call home.

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Spaghetti sauce with fresh tomatoes

ELIZABETH BAUMAN
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Ingredients

12-14 fresh tomatoes
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large onion (finely chopped)
6 cloves minced garlic
10-12 chopped basil leaves
1 tablespoon finely chopped oregano
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons kosher salt
3/4 teaspoon pepper

Directions

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Place tomatoes (a few at a time) in the water and remove them after 10-15 seconds. Immediately place tomatoes in an ice-water bath and remove skins and stems.

Cut tomatoes into fourths and place in a food processor or blender. Process tomatoes a few times, you want them to be the consistency of



crushed tomatoes (don't over-process). Set aside.

Heat oil in a large skillet. Add onions and sauté until they become soft and transparent. Add garlic and continue to cook for two minutes.

Add tomatoes, basil, oregano, brown sugar, salt and pepper.

Bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally for at least one hour. The longer the better! Ideally 2+ hours. Serve over cooked pasta.

Fall is upon us



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Fall is upon us and the football season is treating us well. This is the time that we work very hard and save all of our money to help pay the bills for the winter.

We have increased the Boober motor fleet to eleven pedicabs and have converted some of the inefficient motors.

We have been buying our equipment directly from overseas manufacturers. Everything is taking five months longer to ship than normal, so we have been planning six months into the future. The people we usually buy our equipment from are nearing retirement and are not taking risks, so we have to step in to take the purchasing risk to continue to keep pedaling.

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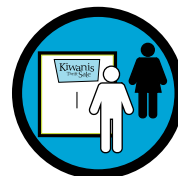
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